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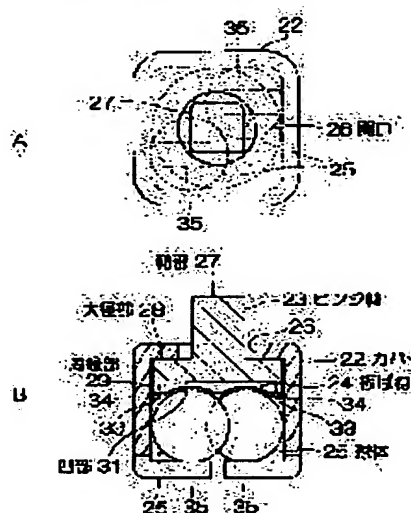
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TANAKA AKIHIRO**(54) HINGE DEVICE AND FOLDING TYPE APPARATUS****(57)Abstract:**

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a hinge device capable of actualizing smooth rotation of a hinge shaft and also achieving a longer life.

SOLUTION: The hinge device is comprised of a square cylinder-shaped cover 22 forming an opening 26 in an end face, a shaft portion 27, a large diameter portion 28, a peripheral edge portion 29, and a concave portion 31. The shaft portion 27 is comprised of a hinge shaft 23 protruded through the opening 26 and also accommodated in the cover 22, a circular plate spring 24 having a waveform in a peripheral direction, in which a projection 33 is connected with the peripheral edge portion 29 and is also accommodated in the concave portion 31, and a pair of a spherical body 25 elastically keeping in contact with the plate spring 24 by holding between the plate spring 24 and an other end face of the cover 22 and also locating in a position in which a pair of the spherical body are opposed each other at 180 degrees around an axis of a hinge shaft 23. The spherical body 25 rotatably keeps in contact with its plate face of the plate spring 24 in proportion to rotation of the hinge shaft 23 while elastically deforming the plate spring. Torque is consequently generated in the hinge shaft 23 by means of elastic deformation.

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(57)【要約】

【課題】 ヒンジ軸の円滑な回転を実現し、かつ長寿命化を図る。

【解決手段】 一端面に開口26が形成された角筒状カバー22と、軸部27と大径部28と周縁部29と凹部31とを有し、軸部27が開口26から突出されてカバー22に収容されたヒンジ軸23と、周方向に波形状を有し、突起33が周縁部29に係止されて凹部31に収容された円形板ばね24と、板ばね24とカバー22の他端面とによって挟まれて板ばね24と弾接し、ヒンジ軸23の軸心回りの互いに180°をなす位置に位置決めされた一対の球体25とよりなるものとする。ヒンジ軸23の回転に伴い、球体25が板ばね24を弾性変形させながら、その板面と転接し、その弾性変形によってヒンジ軸23にトルクを発生させる。

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